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Her enthusiasm is likely to make proselytes. I must, I watch upon her. She does indeed like me ; and for this inter of those whom she would endanger I must prohibit her coming to Paris."

Young de Stael stated that, his object in seeking this view with the Emperor was to petition for his mother's return to Paris. Napoleon having listened without impatience to reasons he urged in support of his request, said, " I judge I were to permit your mother to return to Paris, months would not elapse before I should be obliged to send her to the Bicetre or to this Temple. This I should be sorry to do, because the affair would make a noise, and injure in public opinion. Tell your mother that my determination is formed, that my decision is irrevocable. She shall not set foot in Paris as long as I live." •—⁴* Sire, I cannot believe that you would arbitrarily imprison my mother if she give you no reason for such severity/"She would give me a dozen! . . . I know her well,""Sire, permit, me to say that I am certain my mother would live in Paris in a place that would afford no ground of reproach ; she would retire, and would see only a very few friends. In spite of your Majesty's refusal I venture to entreat that you will allow her a trial, were it, only for six weeks or a month. Permit her, Sire, to pass that time in Paris, and I conjure you come, to no final decision beforehand/* ** Ho you think I to be deceived by these fair promises? . . . I tell you if it be not so. She would serve as a rallying point for the Faubourg St. Germain. She would set nobody, indeed ! Could she make any sacrifice? She would visit, and receive company. She would be guilty of a thousand follies. She would be saying things which she may consider as very good jokes, but which I should take seriously. My government is no joke ; I wish this in well known by everybody/" • "Sire, will your Majesty permit, me to repeat that my mother has not wished whatever to diminish in the circle of her friends, a list of whom she would give to your Majesty, V Sire, who love France so well,, may form some idea of the how my mother suffers in this ; therefore I entreat you-